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Edward Dean Bingham

June 4, 1935, to Nov. 18, 2003

Edward Dean Bingham, 68, of Brownville, Neb., and formerly of Nevada, died on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

He was born on June 4, 1935, in Omaha, Neb., to LeRoy Lawrence and Grace Edith (Hilton) Bingham. The family lived and farmed near Anderson until moving to Malvern when Dean was 11. He graduated from Malvern High School in 1953 and enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in Japan and Korea for two years. He married Frances Elizabeth "Bitsy" Darrah on Feb. 25, 1956, at the Malvern United Methodist Church and lived in the area until 1961, when they moved to Colo and then to Nevada. He worked in the grocery business in Nevada for 25 years. He was an accomplished woodworker and in 1980, he and Bitsy became self-employed dealers featuring woodworking and crafts. One of his favorite pastimes was carving Santas. They traveled extensively for many years participating in country folk art show in 23 states. In 1990, they moved to Brownville, Neb., where they opened the Snoop Shop. Following surgery in 1993, he was unable to work or travel. He tended the Brownville Information Center for several years. Other interests include gemology, antiques, Gideon's, VFW and avidly reading books on the Civil War and visiting many of the Civil War sites. He was a member of the Brownville Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Bitsy of Brownville; three sons, Warren Lee (and Diann) Bingham of Malvern, Ron Bingham of Des Moines, and Rod (and Virginia) Bingham of Middle Amana; a daughter, Amy Bingham of Minneapolis, Minn.; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mary Ann Kellner of Kiawah Island, S.C.; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Virginia Howrey; and two brothers-in-law, Richard Howrey and C. Deane Kellner.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 21, at Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home in Malvern with Pastor Eric Spruth-Janssen officiating. Internment was in the Malvern Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Tabitha Health Care Services, 819 Central Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410. Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home, Malvern, handled arrangements.

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